

# GREAT DRIVE IN BALKANS OPENS IN BIG FORCE

Russian Troops Arrive to Participate in an Effort to Reclaim Serbia, Greeks Are Fighting Bulgarians and Rumania Is Said to Be Ready to Enter War with Entente

## HUGE GATHERING OF TROOPS THERE

Since Sunday Morning, the Greeks and Bulgarians Have Been Fighting Vigorously — Berlin Reports That Bulgarian Left Wing Has Begun a General Offensive and Is Winning

The offensive in the Balkans is in full swing with the Russian troops arriving to fight with the entente forces and Rumania reported about ready to join in the war on the side of the allies. The landing of the Italian troops continues and an unofficial despatch reports the Greek troops as involved with the Bulgarians near Seres.

The arrival of the Russians and the Italians at Saloniki is an indication that the allies have decided to concentrate on this front forces sufficient for an important campaign, although it is only about 350 miles in an air line from the Russian to the Greek border. The nearest points in Rumania and Bulgaria lie between and the Russians were obliged to travel thousands of miles, possibly over an Atlantic route, via Gibraltar and the Mediterranean.

London, Aug. 22.—Greek troops have been fighting Bulgarians in the vicinity of Seres since Sunday morning says an Athens despatch to the Exchange Telegraph company. The Greek commander at Seres has called to arms all the reservists in that locality. That the fighting is of a stubborn character is indicated by the fact that a large number of Greeks have been killed.

Seres City contains about 30,000 people and is about 45 miles northeast of Saloniki.

## HALF-MILE FRONT TAKEN BY BRITISH

Advance Made in Pzozieres Region and Also in the Vicinity of the Leipsic Salient, London Official Report States

London, Aug. 22.—British troops on the Somme front advanced along a line half a mile long in the region of Pzozieres and also made an advance near the Leipsic salient, the official announcement says.

## RUSSIAN ARRIVAL CAUSES SENSATION AMONG GREEKS

Initial Brigade of Russian Troops Has Reached Saloniki to Join the Allies in the Balkan Fighting.

Athens, July 31, via London, Tuesday, Aug. 22 (4400 by censor).—The initial brigade of the Russian troops has reached Saloniki to join the allies in the Balkan fighting. The arrival of the Russians caused a profound impression here.

## BULGARIAN ARMY HAS OCCUPIED DEMI HASSAR

Sofia War Office Reports That the Left Wing of the Troops Has Begun General Offensive in Struma Valley.

Berlin, by wireless, Aug. 22.—Official announcement was made by the Sofia war office that on Aug. 18 the Bulgarian left wing began a general offensive, advancing in the Struma valley, occupying Demi Hassar and establishing itself on the left bank of the Struma, after repulsing British and French near Seres. The seizure of the road between Florina and Koritsa, as well as that between Koritsa and Kastoria, was also announced in the statement which bears the date of Aug. 20.

## SERBIANS HAVE WON TWO BULGAR FORTS

Heaviest Fighting Is on Front Northeast of Saloniki and on the Left Bank of the Struma River, Says Report to Paris.

Paris, Aug. 22.—Fighting on the Saloniki front is becoming more general.

# MORE GAIN BY PLAGUE

Every Borough in Greater New York Reports More Deaths

## AND INCREASE IN THE PATIENTS

Massachusetts Had 16 New Cases Today, Making 159 in August

New York, Aug. 22.—Every borough in Greater New York reported a slight gain in infantile paralysis to-day with 39 deaths and 118 new cases reported in 24 hours. There were 33 deaths yesterday.

Boston, Aug. 22.—Sixteen new cases of infantile paralysis were reported in Massachusetts to-day, making 159 this month.

## RUMANIA MAY JOIN ALLIES

Opening of Allies Offensive on the Saloniki Front Has Revived the Old Rumor That the Country Will Depart from Neutrality.

London, Aug. 22.—The opening of the allied offensive at Saloniki has been the signal for renewed reports that Rumania is at last about to throw in her lot with the entente. These reports are more circumstantial than ever before and the comments of the German press indicate that they are far from being devoid of foundation. One Berlin newspaper goes so far as to declare that Rumania has already joined the allies, and that plans are being laid for the march of a Russian army through Rumania territory.

Major Morath, the famous German military critic, also believes that Rumania is negotiating with Russia and hints at an ultimatum to Bucharest from Germany and Austria.

The entry of Rumania into the war on the side of the entente would mean the forging of another link in the chain of foes surrounding the central powers. The material aid which Rumania could give would be of a very important character. She has had between 500,000 and 600,000 troops mobilized for nearly a year and her army is reputed to be one of the best equipped and trained in Europe. Apart from possible Russian reinforcements, Rumania would be in a position to deal a powerful blow at Bulgaria from the north in conjunction with the allies' drive from the south. It has been generally understood that Russia has been willing to concede the province of Bessarabia, the population of which is largely Rumanian, in return for Rumanian aid in the war. Bessarabia is 18,000 square miles in extent and has a population of nearly 2,000,000.

## GERMANS NOT ALARMED

Over Possibility That Rumania May Join the Allies.

Berlin, via London, Aug. 22.—Dispatches from Bucharest published in the German newspapers indicate that the situation in Rumania with regard to the country's stand in the war is still very active but without a crisis being appreciably nearer. The efforts of Take Jolescu, minister of the interior, M. Filipescu, and the Mille group for precipitate action by Rumania in joining the entente powers, are still being met by moves on the part of M. Carp, leader of the Conservative party. Alexander Marghiloman and M. Majoresco in favor of Rumania continuing neutral.

Seemingly, according to the despatches, the conservatives are gaining slightly. The conservative group is being accused by M. Mille's organ, Adevartul, as aiming at the downfall of the government of M. Bratianu in favor of the Carp-Marghiloman coalition. The conservative organ, Steagul, says the present situation of uncertainty is increasing public opinion to the danger point.

German public opinion apparently is not alarmed at the prospect of Rumania entering the war. In official circles the situation is viewed calmly, and a similar attitude is being maintained in Vienna. According to reliable sources in Bulgaria the prospect of a war with Rumania remains popular, owing to the desire of the Bulgarians to regain Dobruja, territory lying along the Black sea, which was lost by the treaty of Bucharest in 1912.

Meanwhile the central powers have bought another 2,000 carloads of beans and peas of this year's Rumanian crop, and shipments from Germany to Rumania of industrial products by means of the Danube or through trains continue.

## Wedding Bells

"Dinah, wilt thou take Erastus for thy wedded husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love, cherish and obey, till death do us part?"

"No, sah, I takes him just as he is. Ef he gets any better he'll go to heaven. Ef he gets any worse I'll take him to the police station."—Puck.

## Nth Degree

"Talk about torture!"

"Yes!"

"Nothing is worse than sitting in a barber's chair with your mouth full of lather, watching the boy trying to give another customer your Panama hat."—Life.

Patient.—But, doctor, you are not asking \$5 for merely taking a cinder out of my eye?

Specialist.—Er—no. My charge is for removing a foreign substance from the corner.—Reichboth Sunday Herald.

# BORDER GUARD WILL BE KEPT

Until It Can Be Withdrawn Without Endangering American Lives and Property, Says Secretary Baker.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 22.—The National Guard will be retained on the Mexican border until it can be withdrawn without again endangering American lives and property. Secretary Baker so declared the administration's policy yesterday in answering a score of letters from many parts of the country complaining that the state troops were being held in service after the emergency for which they were called out apparently had passed.

In general the complainants whose names were withheld allege that border service was entailing loss financially on militiamen and hardship on their families. The secretary replied to all those seeming to merit attention.

The department appreciates, Mr. Baker said in one letter, the fact that a call for military service upon militia organizations must "inevitably present cases for hardship." He added:

"The emergency, however, which required this call for the militia was one of a grave character affecting the safety and lives of citizens of the United States—men, women and children. The presence of the militia on the Mexican border has restored order and given a higher degree of safety and security to the lives of our people in that troubled country than they have for a long time. The militia is therefore performing a valuable service."

Referring to the elaborate and extensive training the militiamen are receiving under supervision of regular army officers the secretary expressed the opinion that it would enable them to act in time of war or other emergency as a supporting arm or second line for the regular army, furnishing an asset to national preparedness that could not have been obtained otherwise.

"Clearly, so soon as a restored state of order on the border justifies it these troops will be returned to their homes," he wrote.

"In the meantime, it is not possible for the department to say how soon such a situation will arise, although the Mexican situation is one of increasing hopefulness."

To another correspondent, the secretary explained that the National Guard was maintained for just such exigencies as that which now exist on the border and that it had cost the government many millions to prepare and keep it ready for such emergencies. He pointed out that national guardsmen were fully aware of the duties they undertook when they enlisted.

# WILSON WILL VETO IMMIGRATION BILL

If It Is Passed By Congress with Literacy Test Attached—Congress May Desist from Trying to Pass Measure.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 22.—President Wilson informed his callers to-day that he will veto the immigration bill again if it is passed by Congress with a literacy test. There had been reports that he might sign the bill, but the president stated emphatically to-day that he is still opposed to it because of the test. It was said that he was indifferent whether Congress passed the bill again, as he was determined not to sign it.

Word that he would veto the bill went to the capitol and it was expected to stop the efforts to put the bill through the Senate.

As the result of the president's statement, the Senate defeated a motion to take up the bill and returned to a consideration of the revenue bill.

# RECEIVERSHIP INEVITABLE

Declared President Hustis of Boston & Maine R. R.

Boston, Aug. 22.—The opinion that a receivership for the Boston & Maine railroad was inevitable was expressed by James H. Hustis, president of the road, in a statement last night.

"I see no hope of avoiding it," Mr. Hustis said. "The reorganization committee has no new plan to offer, the leased lines have not submitted any new proposition and we have received no assurance that the note holders would consent to another extension of the notes nor that the banks would recommend it again."

Mr. Hustis said further:

"It is my personal opinion that the notes will not be extended again. I see no hope for anything but a receivership. This is not merely a matter of bluff. It is not merely a matter of extending the notes. The Boston & Maine cannot go on forever with its present unbalanced financial structure, nor with its physical condition as it is to-day."

"The question of whether the road shall go into the hands of a receiver must be decided between now and the last day of this month. It may be decided to-morrow. The directors may vote not to extend the notes, or they may leave the matter in the hands of the executive committee."

# MAYOR MITCHEL HELPS TO AVERT STRIKE

New York Railways Co. Agrees to Reinstate Workers Dismissed for Disorderly Conduct During Recent Strike.

New York, Aug. 22.—A threatened renewal of the strike on the surface car lines of the New York Railways company was averted late yesterday when an agreement through the efforts of Mayor Mitchell. Fourteen workers who were dismissed because they had been convicted of disorderly conduct in connection with the recent strike will be reinstated, and other differences will be settled by arbitration, it was announced.

# RAILROADS DRAW UP REPLY

In Answer to Pres. Wilson's Proposal to Avert Strike

## WILSON HOPEFUL OF SETTLEMENT

Brotherhood Officials State That the Situation Is Unchanged

Washington, D. C., Aug. 22.—The answer of the more than 60 railroad presidents, including those of western roads newly arrived, to President Wilson's proposal for averting the threatening strike, is being formulated to-day by a committee of eight magnates.

Brotherhood officials described the situation as being unchanged. In administration circles, it was said that there was hope for a settlement.

The exact nature of the proposal to be submitted to the president was not revealed, but it was believed that it concerned the concession of an eight-hour day. One suggestion understood to be under consideration was the submission of the issue to the interstate commerce commission of the provision for making a permanent commission of investigation, suggested by President Wilson.

# WILSON'S APPEAL

Was Made as from One Citizen to Another.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 22.—As one American citizen to another, President Wilson appealed to each of the executives of the country's principal railroads, on grounds of patriotism, to accept his plan for averting the threatened disaster of a nation-wide strike. He emphasized the necessity for keeping the railroads in service as a part of the national defense and to make possible preparation for meeting conditions that will exist after the European war.

On leaving the White House the railroad presidents, augmented during the day by arrivals from the West, held a conference at which sentiment was said to be against agreeing to the president's proposal in its present form. Hope was expressed, however, that some satisfactory counter proposition might be advanced and it was decided to turn over to a committee the task of drafting a final reply to the president.

The railroad heads still insist that President Wilson is asking them to sacrifice the principle of arbitration. Elisha Lee, chairman of the railroad committee, issued a statement, saying:

"If we are to throw arbitration into the scrap heap what hope can there be in America for industrial peace in the future?"

"A nation-wide strike is unthinkable when the railroads are urging that all matters in dispute be placed before any tribunal constituted by public authority."

"Arbitration is urged by Congress as a final method for settling controversies as to both hours and wages on railroads. The Netherlands law of 1913 was enacted by unanimous request of the four railroad brotherhoods and the representatives of the railroads. And yet the leaders, who urged this law now takes the position that a question of hours is beyond arbitration."

"But wages, not hours, are involved in these demands. No proposal has been made to establish an eight-hour day. The demand is for an eight-hour pay basis, and this is the interpretation given by the president in the proposal now before the railroads. The employees have practically made it known that they do not want eight-hour's work for eight-hour's pay, a real eight-hour day."

Although a few of the railroad executives invited had not arrived this afternoon, it was decided that those already in Washington were representatives, and therefore, the president called them to the White House and earnestly urged that his plan of settlement be affirmed.

"I will not allow passion to come into my thoughts in this solemn matter," he said. "We are both as trustees of great interests."

"I am willing to allow this matter to go to the great American jury and let them assume the responsibility. The responsibility of failure will not rest with me."

"I wish you to consider the consequences, as affecting the people of the cities and countryside of a failure to agree. The country cannot live if the means of keeping alive its vitality are interfered with. The lives and fortunes of 100,000,000 men, women and little children—many of whom may die—depend upon what may be done in this room. I appeal to you as an American citizen to another, to avert this disaster."

The president spoke in more intimate fashion than he has spoken in any previous conferences. He referred to the disastrous effect which a strike would have, "especially at this time when every ounce of American energy and initiative has been mobilized to meet the extraordinary situation which will emerge out of the European war."

# HAY BILL REPASSED

Without the Features to Which Wilson Objected.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 22.—Without the revised articles of war, to portions of which Wilson and the war department objected, the House to-day repassed the army appropriation bill.

# LABOR DAY AT INTERCITY PARK

Plans Made for Celebration of the Day Along Usual Lines.

Intercity park has been selected as the setting for the annual Labor day celebration of the Central Labor union of Barre and vicinity this year. The holiday occurs on Sept. 4 and the program prepared by the union committees indicates that there will be plenty of entertainment throughout the day. Rev. Edgar Crossland of the First Presbyterian church is to speak on the subject, "The Melting Pot of Labor," in front of the grandstand at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon. The traction company has provided to collect only five-cent fares between Barre and the park and between Montpelier and the park.

Sports are to include soccer football, races and a baseball game. The Barre Citizens' band will present a solid front and do its level best to make good music for the celebrators. A five-a-side football match for a purse of \$50 will be played in the forenoon and in the afternoon St. Johnsbury and the Barre A. C. will meet on the diamond for a purse of \$100. Prizes are to be awarded for boys' and girls' races and there will be awards for a shooting competition. Other amusements will be provided and in the evening there will be a dance in Howland hall under the auspices of the C. L. U.

Alex Ironside is president of the general committee and Angus McDonald the secretary. Chairmen of the sub-committees are as follows: Sports, Fred W. Sutor; finance, Harley J. Houghton; refreshments, Harry Dale; dance, Edward Anderson; grounds and transportation, Cyrus R. Hall. Trucks from Graniteville, Westerville and East Barre will operate continuously throughout the day. Robert Mutch has been selected to act as referee of the championship football contest.

# READY FOR THE FIFTH TOUR.

Barre Board of Trade Goes to East Randolph Wednesday Evening.

Members of the Barre Board of Trade please remember the next better acquaintance tour occurs Wednesday evening, Aug. 23, with supper and entertainment at East Randolph. Carroll's orchestra will furnish music at the supper and the Barre band will give an outdoor concert. The Board of Trade will show about 150 views of Barre and her industries. Owners of automobiles will please offer the use of their machines for this trip to the automobile committee, B. W. Hooker, G. R. Varnum, E. C. Glysson. Tickets for the supper, 50 cents each, can be purchased from the above committee or from H. A. Phelps. Purchasers of tickets will have free transportation to and from East Randolph.

The committee recognizes the generous support they have received in making these get-together occasions the success they have had. These trips are certainly an asset to Barre and a great help in maintaining the social and community spirit, locally and with our neighbors. Automobiles will come for people in front of the city hall at 5:40 o'clock.

# TO RETURN TO NORWICH.

Major Frank Tompkins Detailed as Head of Military Department.

Northfield, Aug. 22.—Orders have been issued by the war department detailing Major Frank Tompkins for service as professor of military science and tactics at Norwich university. Major Tompkins, then Capt. Tompkins, first came to Norwich in the fall of 1910 and remained until the summer of 1915. While there he won the respect of the students, faculty, and the general public of the state.

After leaving Norwich he did duty on the Mexican border. At the Columbus raid he was the leader of the party which first pursued Villa across the border. He was with Pershing's forces when they entered Mexico, and figured in several of the important actions. He was leader of the American forces at Parral, where the Mexicans tried to ambush them; and it was only by his fine leadership that they did not succeed. While in Mexico he was wounded twice and at last had to return to a hospital. After coming from the hospital he was detailed to the First Vermont cavalry at Fort Ethan Allen. If this regiment had been organized it was understood that he was to have been its colonel. Norwich is to be congratulated on again obtaining this most efficient leader.

# KILLED BY FLYING PLANK.

Victor L. Dumas of Burlington Was Hit in the Chest.

Burlington, Aug. 22.—Victor L. Dumas of 188 Pine street died at 12:15 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the Fletcher hospital, where he was taken Saturday afternoon, following an accident at the Champlain shops, where he was at work. While he was running a saw, it kicked in some manner, throwing the plank he was sawing against his chest with great force, causing internal injuries. He was rushed to the hospital and operated on yesterday morning, but to no avail.

Mr. Dumas, who was born in this city, was about 37 years old. He is survived by his wife, Anna; by two daughters, Gladys, aged nine years, and Stella, aged four years; by his mother, Mrs. Joseph Dumas; by two brothers, Fred and Joseph, both of this city, and by two sisters, Mrs. Charles Hawkins of East Wallingford and Mrs. David Lavoie of this city.

# VICTIM OF HIS OWN TEAM.

Charles Rome of Burlington Was Run Over Last Friday.

Burlington, Aug. 22.—Charles Rome of 43 Bright street, a junk peddler, died yesterday morning at the Fanny Allen hospital, as the result of injuries received in a runaway accident Friday afternoon. On that day, Rome was bringing a load of iron to Essex Junction and when about a mile from the village his horses became frightened and ran away. Rome was thrown from his seat and fell in front of the wagon, which passed directly over his chest.

The deceased is survived, besides his wife, by four children, Louis, Ida, Myer and Anna; by four sisters, Sarah of this city, two of Boston and one living in Europe; and by two brothers, Barnet and Michael of this city. Funeral services were held yesterday morning and burial was made in the new Hebrew cemetery on North avenue.

# GETTING READY AT STATE HOUSE

For Special Session of Legislature, Which Convenes Thursday

## SOME OFFICES ARE BEING ACATED

The Officials Not Expect More Than Two-Day Session

With the special session of the legislature only two days removed, everything remains unchanged at the State House and it is probable that none of the legislators will arrive in the city until tomorrow afternoon. The industrial accident board will vacate, during the session, one of its two rooms to allow the secretary of the Senate to occupy his regular quarters and the clerk and speaker of the House may move into their rooms at any time, the state purchasing agent having removed to offices downtown over a month ago.

Officials at the State House are not inclined to believe that the legislature will be in session more than two days, Thursday and Friday.

# DEMOCRATIC NAMES FOR COUNTY OFFICE

List of Nominations Filed on Last Day of the Time Allowed—Names of Candidates for State Office Filed.

Democratic candidates for county offices filed their primary papers to-day with the county clerk, to-day being the last allowed by the statutes for filing their intentions and papers. The following candidates will comprise the Democratic ballot: Sheriff, Dennis Donahue, Barre Town; assistant judges, George L. Pray and George A. Tilden; senators, T. E. Callahan, Montpelier, Charles C. Johnson, Waterbury, Arthur W. Hewitt, Plainfield; state's attorney, Harry C. Shurtliff, Montpelier.

All of the Republican candidates for state offices and for congressman and senator, have filed their papers with the secretary of state and practically all the Democratic candidates have followed suit, although the office force has not yet had time to count the signatures on the papers of the Democratic candidates, they having been filed late yesterday afternoon.

# PETITIONER WAS ABSENT

When His Case for Accident Damages Was Called To-day.

When the plaintiff in the case of C. Compo vs. the Royal Indemnity Co. failed to appear or send a representative, the hearing before the state industrial accident board at Hotel Barre this forenoon was adjourned and the case dismissed. Chairman Robert W. Simonds of St. Johnsbury and Sanford A. Daniels of Brattleboro were the two members of the board in attendance and they were accompanied by their clerk, Miss Laura Burbank. Through the firm of McAllister & Kent of Barre, the Royal Indemnity Co. was represented by Atty. S. Hollister Jackson.

Compo's case grew out of an accident which he suffered at Jones Bros' plant nearly a year ago. It was alleged that he was detained from work by an injured finger and that after a settlement, he signed a paper releasing the indemnity company from further liability. Afterward, the company alleges, he appeared at the office of their representatives and asked for more compensation, stating that the finger had become weakened in such a manner as to prevent him from doing manual labor.

# SUES FOR \$25,000.

Richford National Bank Plaintiff Against St. Johnsbury Men.

St. Johnsbury, Aug. 22.—Action was taken recently by the Richford National bank against Herbert A. Stanley and Robert McKinnon, former members of the bankrupt firm of Griswold & McKinnon, in an endeavor to recover money to the amount entered in the writ of \$25,000, lent on notes signed by them. In each case bail was set by the superior court of Vermont at \$25,000 and was furnished by both parties.

The writ was served on Herbert Stanley in St. Johnsbury by Sheriff Worthen and was made returnable at the September term of the superior court, sitting at St. Albans. The \$25,000 bail was furnished by parties from Sherbrooke, P. Q.

# AS CARS COLLIDED.

Two Occupants Were Hurt at Lancaster, N. H.

Lancaster, N. H., Aug. 22.—Mrs. Augusta Bustamante, wife of a member of the Cuban senate, sustained a fracture of one arm and one leg, and her son, Gustavo, had two fingers broken when their automobile collided with another car on a sharp turn near here late yesterday.

Mr. Bustamante, who was also riding in the machine, escaped unhurt.

The ladies' annual golf tournament at the Barre Golf club links will be held to-morrow afternoon.